

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. With this at hand of the elections it makes me wonder what other unethical President Bush has done or allow his campaign to do. I believe that each candidate has the final say on how their campaign is run and if they don't what makes them think they can run a country, if they can't control their base of operations. This is wrong to show this, when we ALL know from the past the the president has not been exactly honest with the American public himself.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.